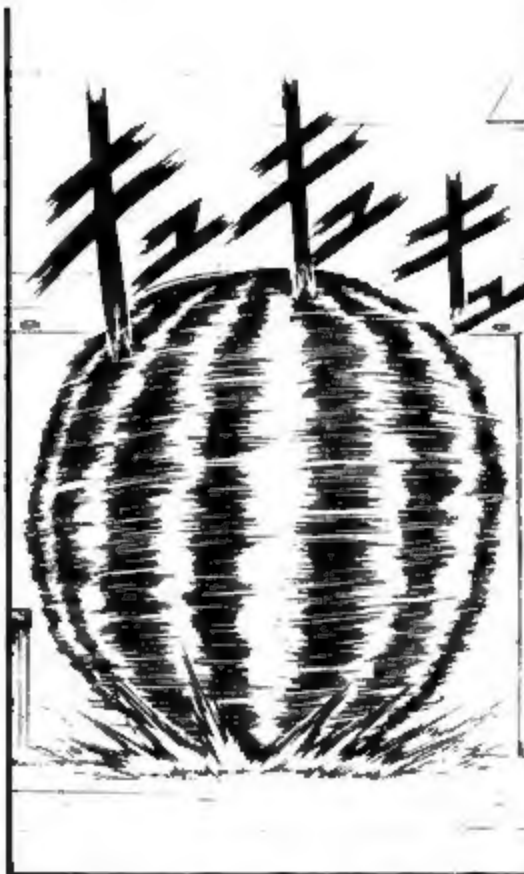
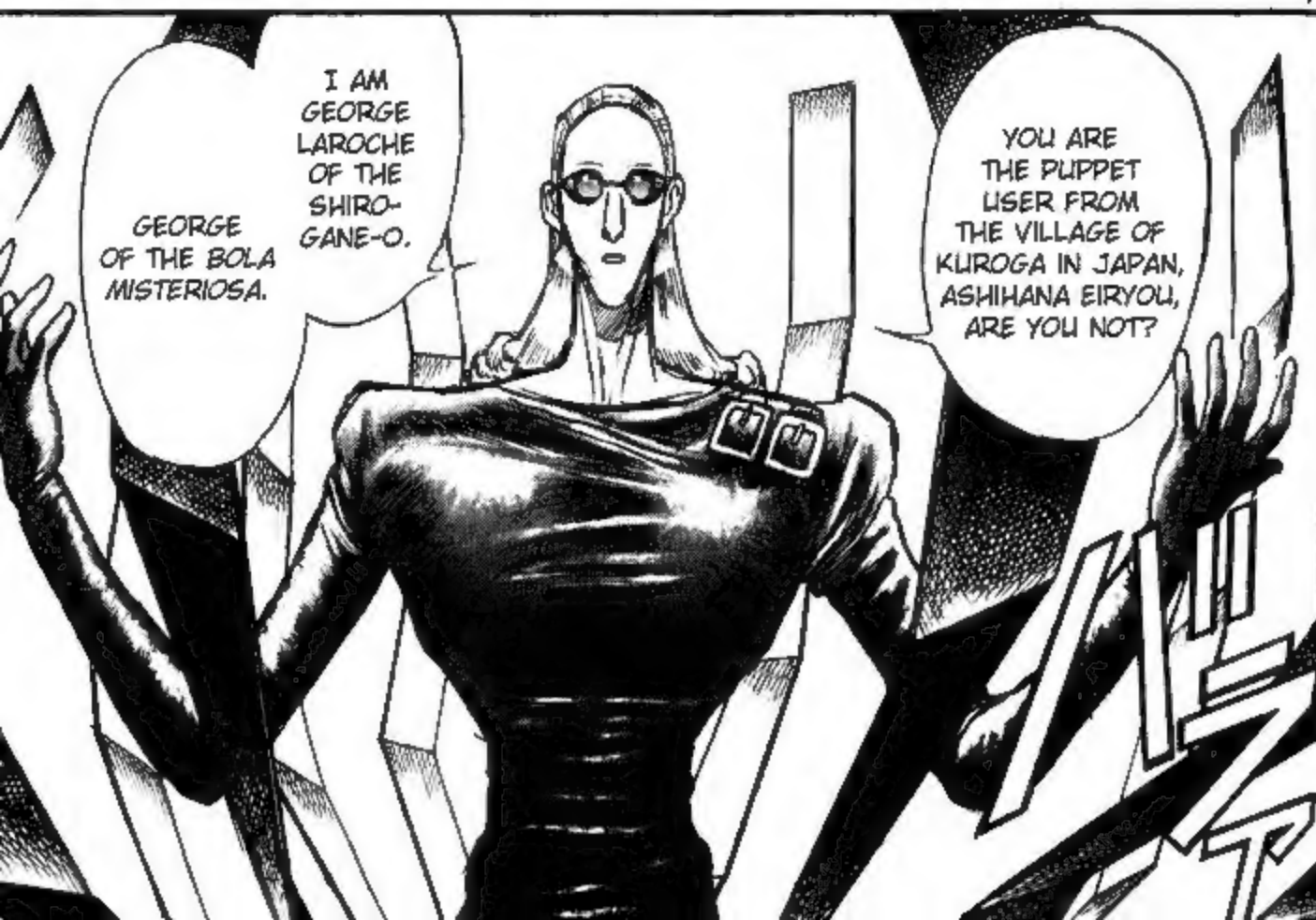




Act 3

The Shirogane Head for the Sahara





HUH...
THIS IS
PRETTY
SUDDEN,
BUDDY.
WHAT'RE
YOU TALKIN'
ABOUT?

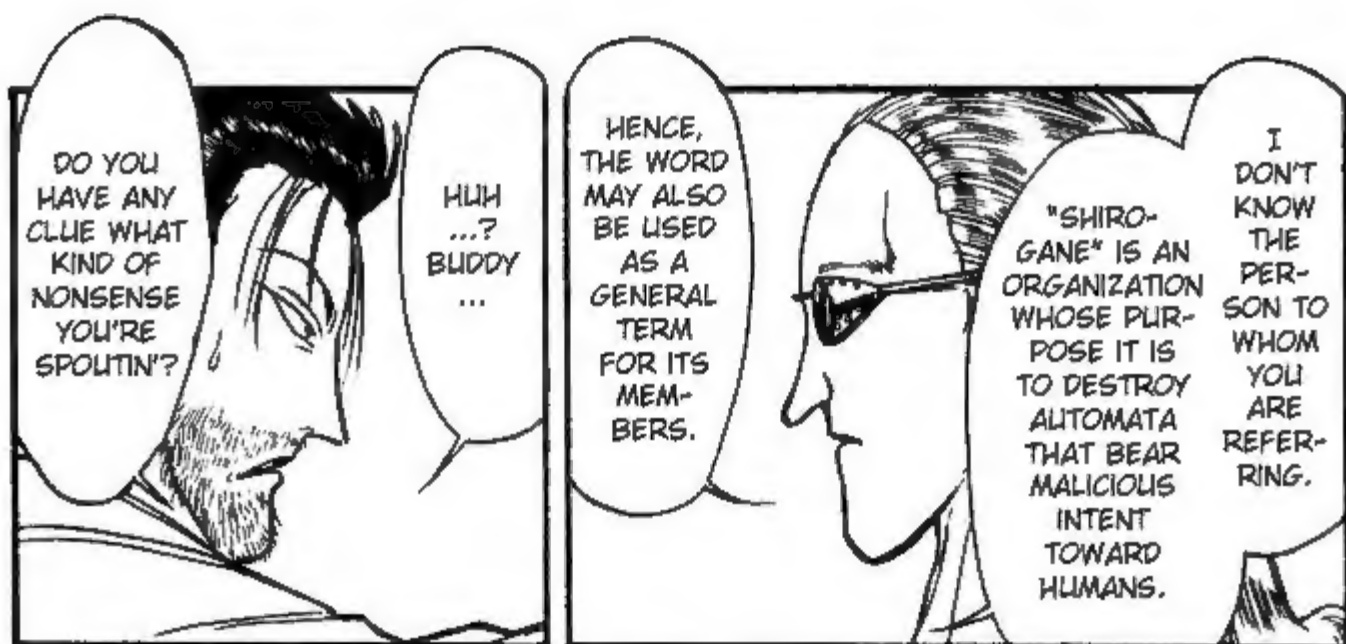
I
WOULD
LIKE YOU
TO COME
WITH
ME.

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ONLY
SHIROGANE
I KNOW...
IS A LOT
PRETTIER'N
YOU...

SHIRO-
GANE,
YOU SAY?





SORRY,
SOUNDS
LIKE TOO
MUCH
TROUBLE
!

AND TO
CONVEY
THAT
PUPPET
TO THE
BATTLE-
FIELD.

MY
ROLE IS
TO ENLIST
YOU AS OUR
POINT OF
CONTACT, TO
NEGOTIATE
WITH THE
HEAD OF
KUROGA
VILLAGE
...



A
MARIONETTE
MANLI-
FACTURED
IN YOUR
HOMETOWN
IS TO
COMPRISE AN
ESSENTIAL
PART OF
OUR WAR
POTENTIAL.

OUR OR-
GANIZATION
IS FACING
ITS FINAL
BATTLE
WITH THE
AUTO-
MATA.



WHY HAVE
YOU BEEN
STIRRING
UP TROUBLE
EVERYWHERE
YOU GO?

IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE
...



YOU
DON'T
SEEM
TO BE
HAVING
FUN,
ASHI-
HANA.

BUT
...

ぽと



NOTHIN'
GETS PAST
YOU, DOES
IT? CAN'T
SAY I
CARE FOR
THAT.



I
HAVE
INVES-
TIGATED
YOU.

WELL
...



IN JAPAN, YOU
WERE PAID A
GREAT DEAL
OF MONEY
TO KILL A
CERTAIN
TARGET,
AND THEN
SWITCHED
SIDES TO
JOIN UP
WITH THE
TARGET.



DID YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
WOULDN'T
GET INTO
TROUBLE BY
DELIBERATELY
MAKING A PASS
AT THE WOMAN
OF A LOCAL
GANGSTER?

I
WONDER.
IN THIS
LATEST
CASE
...



.....
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE
...
I...



YOU'RE
BORED,
AREN'T
YOU?

ASHI-
HANA
...



IF YOU
COME
WITH ME...
YOU MAY
DISCOVER
A WHOLE
NEW WORLD.

WHAT
WILL
YOU
DO?



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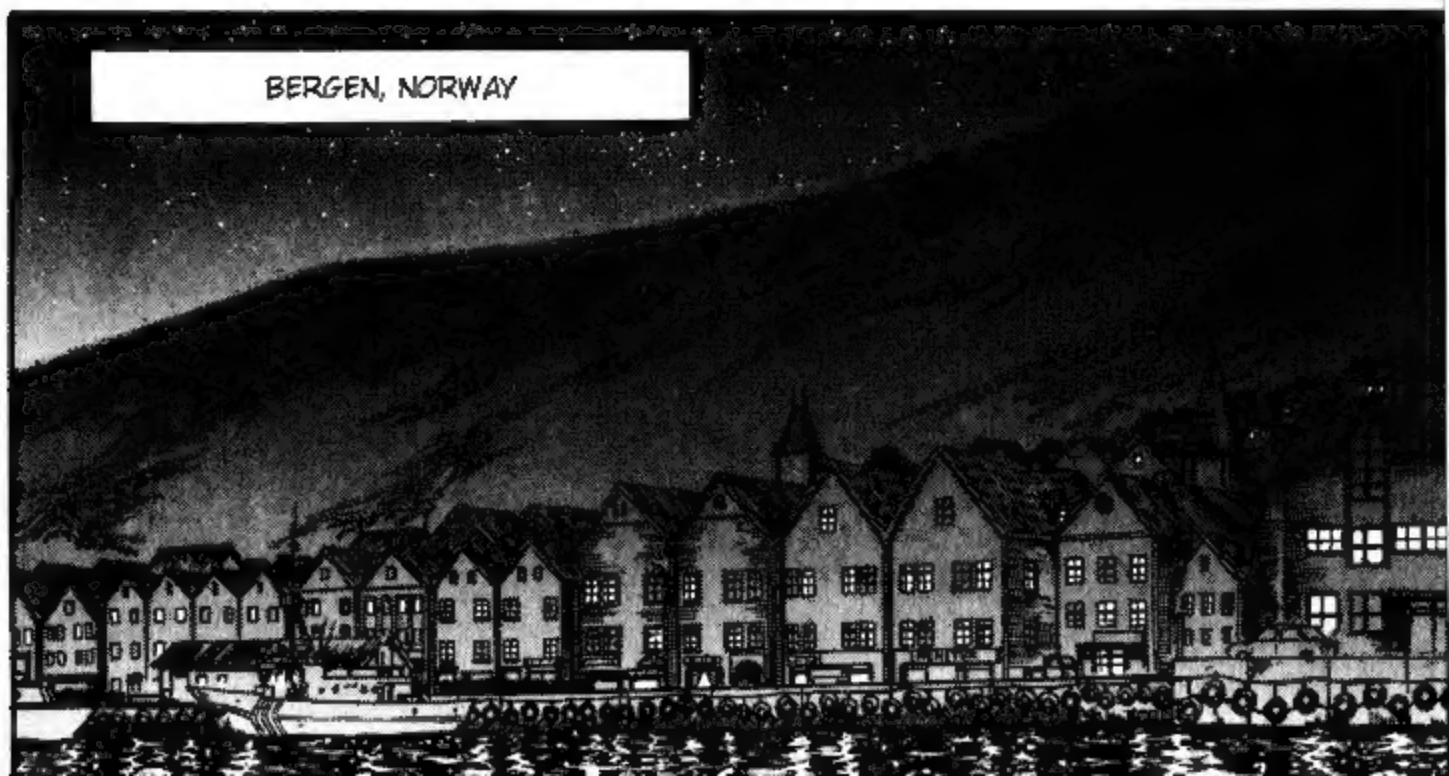


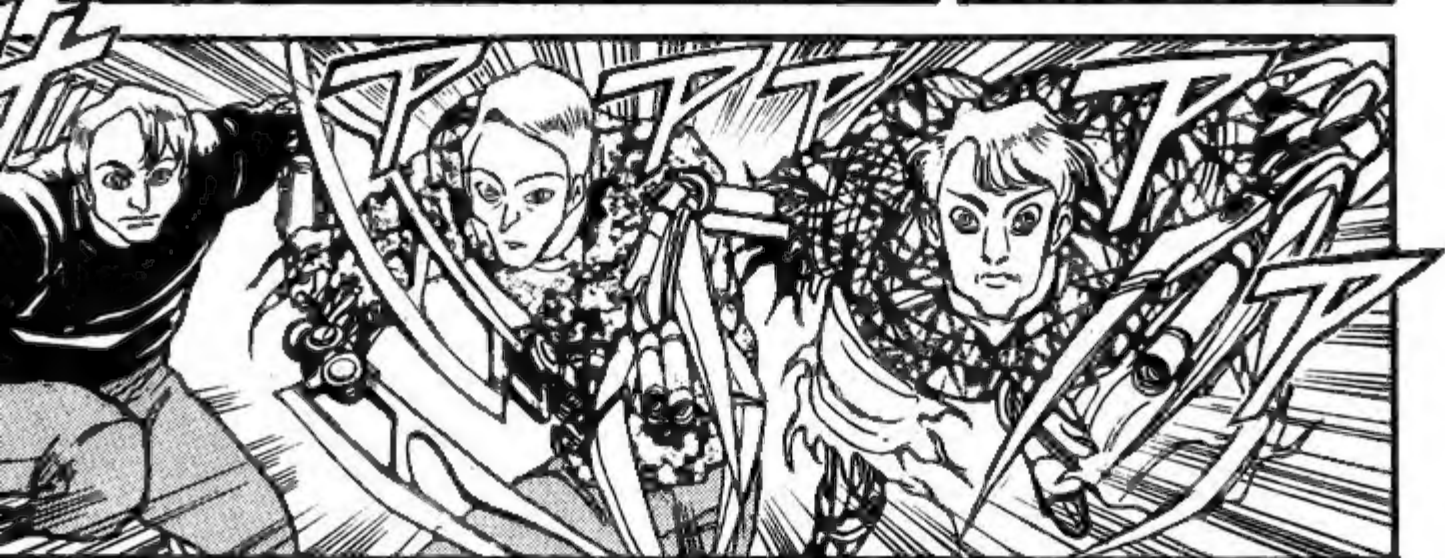
IT'S IN
HERE,
OFFICER!



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BERGEN, NORWAY











YOU WERE
THE LAST
OF THE
AUTOMATA
IN NORWAY.



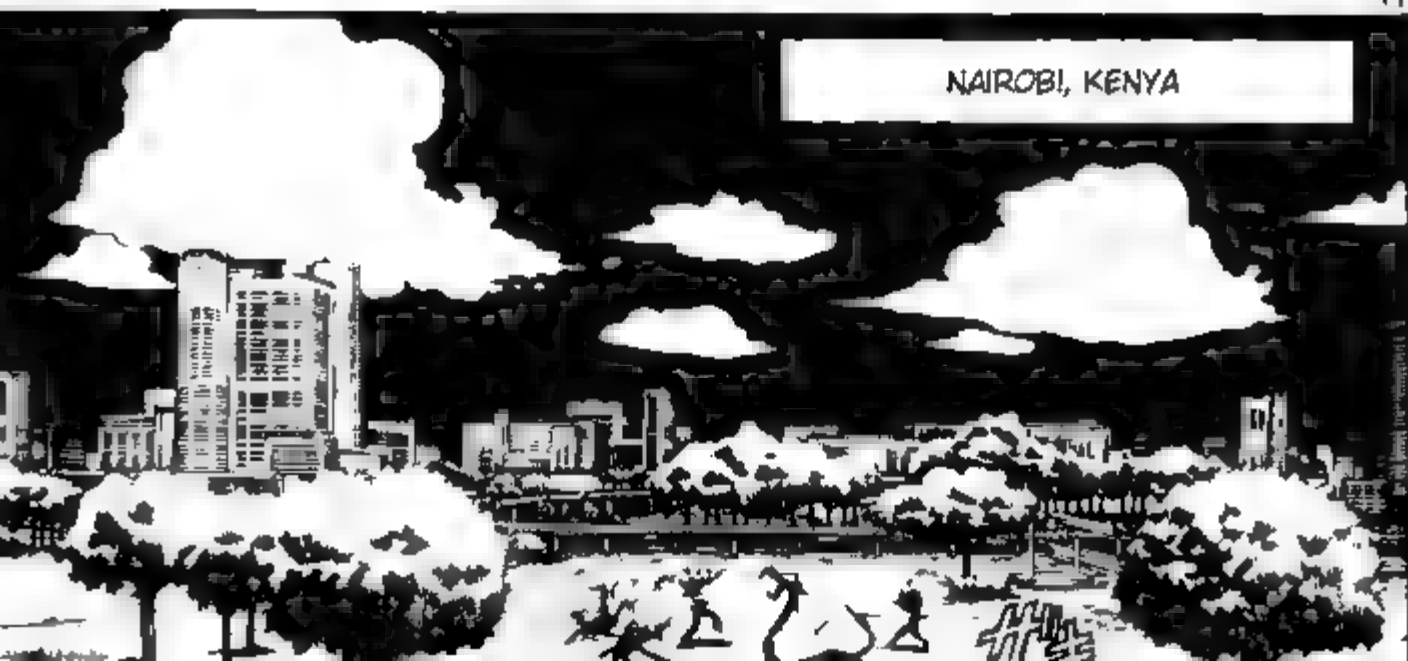
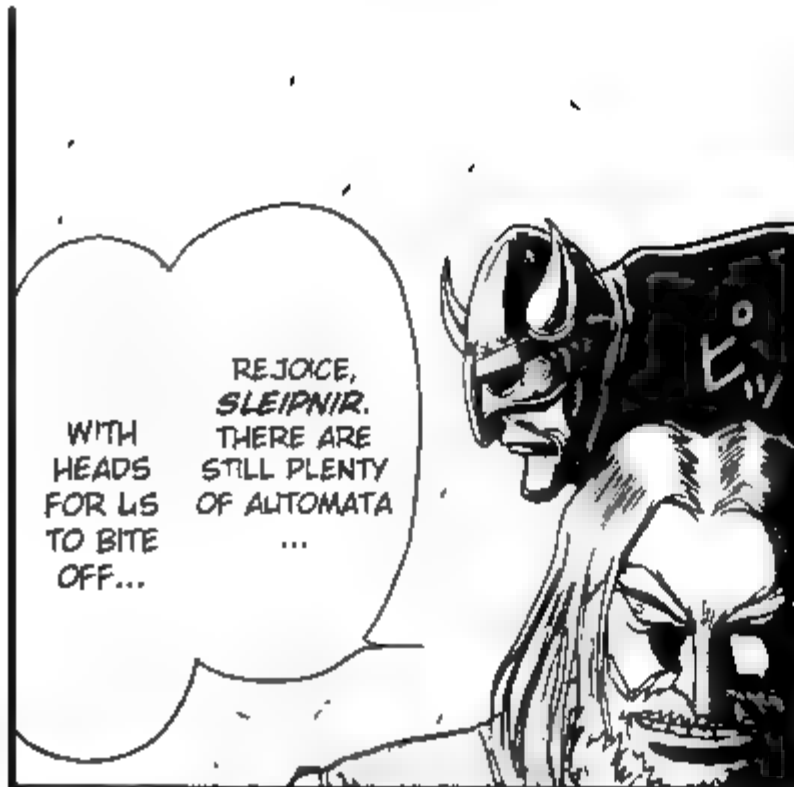
THE VIKING
BLOOD THAT
FLOWS IN
MY VEINS...



BUT...
THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH.



STILL
CRAVES THE
HEADS OF
EVEN MORE
OF YOUR
KIND!





BUT
TO YOU
AUTOMATA,
I WILL
OFFER
THESE
WORDS.



WHETHER
OR NOT
YOU STEP
UPON THE
BLACK
MAMBA'S
TAIL
MAKES
THE DIFF-
ERENCE

BE-
TWEEN
LIFE
AND
DEATH.

THERE
IS ONE
THING
HUMANS
LEARN
WHEN THEY
VENTURE
INTO THE
BUSH.



"THE
RIVER
THAT
NEVER
RUNS
DRY."

BECAUSE
MY NAME IS
TIMBAVATI,
AND THAT
NAME MEANS

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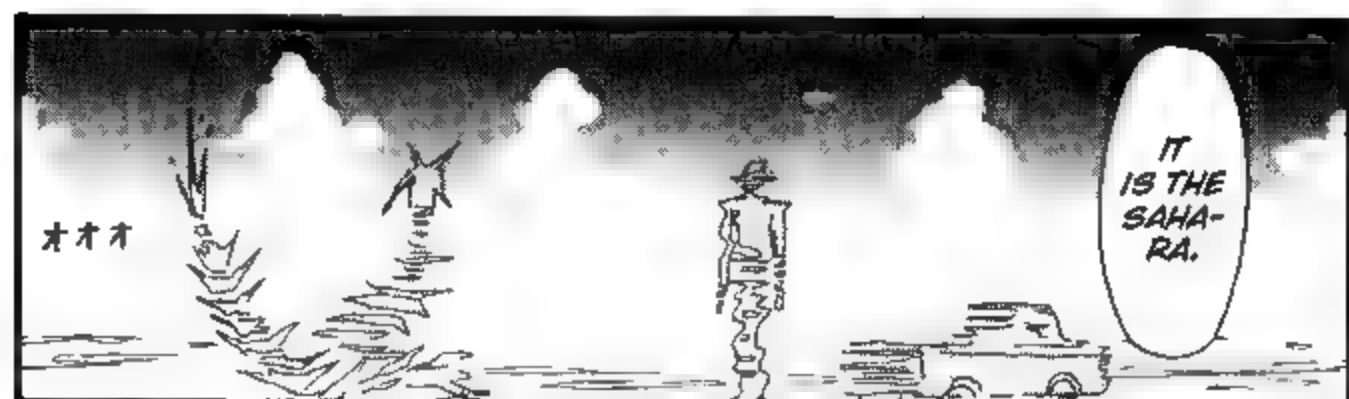
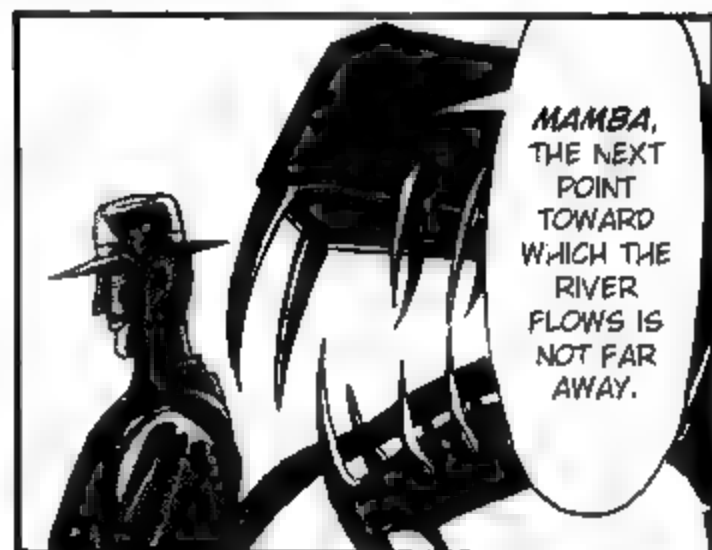
THIS
RIVER WILL
INEVITABLY
CARRY THE
POISONOUS
SNAKE
MAMBA
TO YOU.



YOU WILL
INEVITABLY
STEP UPON
OUR TAIL.

YOU
ARE AS A
HUMAN WHO
WALKS INTO
THE BUSH
UNARMED.

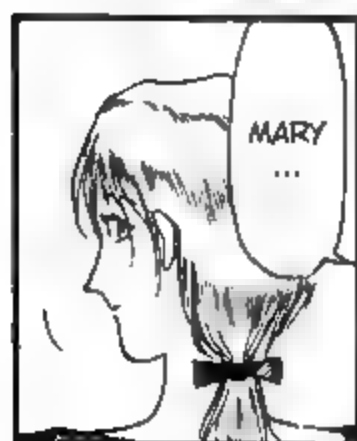
WHETHER
OR NOT
YOU SEEK
TO VANISH
INTO A
CROWD, AS
FAR AS
MAMBA
AND I ARE
CONCERNED





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THINGS
REALLY...
DON'T
ALWAYS
GO AS
WE WANT
THEM
TO...



I'LL BE
HEADING
FOR THE
SAHARA
IN JUST A
MOMENT.

ROCKEN-
FIELD.

Boo

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DRESDEN, GERMANY

SCHWARZES
TOR HERE.
ACKNOW-
LEDGED.



KRASNOYARK, RUSSIA

THIS IS
DMITRI
IVANOV.
I'M
LEAVING
NOW.



TO THE
SAHARA.

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DAMNED
AUTOMATA
...
WE'RE
GONNA
TEAR YOU
UP AT THE
ROOT!



PFF...
DON'T
JOKE.

NARUMI,
EVER SINCE
YOUR HAIR
STARTED TO
COME IN
SILVER

...
YOUR
FACE HAS
BEEN MORE
SHIRO-
GANE-ISH
AS WELL.



HM?



YES.
THEY HAVE
COME TO
DESTROY
THE
MIDNIGHT
CIRCUS.

JEEZ...
ARE THEY
ALL SHIRO-
GANE?



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